

REDWOOD LIBRARY

50 Bellevue Avenue, Newport

Completed in 1750, this is one of the oldest library buildings in continuous use in the country. It was the first building designed by Peter Harrison, a notable 18th-century American architect, and is the country's earliest example of Palladian architecture. The library is fronted by a Doric portico, and the full entablature extends around the entire building. Walls are frame, but are cut and scored to resemble ashlar stone blocks. Large additions to the side and rear do not detract from Harrison's original work.